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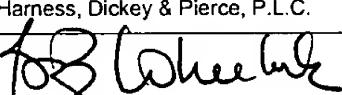
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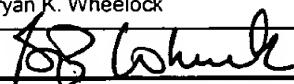
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Dear Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed on it are attached.

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 707.05(b), Applicant respectfully requests that each document listed be given thorough consideration and that the Examiner cite each document of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to each document. Applicant requests such initialing even if the Examiner does not consider: (1) a listed document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection; (2) a document to be prior art for any reason; or (3) that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with respecting a particular document. Applicant makes this request so that each document becomes cited on the face of a patent issuing on the present application.

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Applicant earnestly solicits early and favorable consideration. If the Examiner should have any questions with regard to this filing, he or she should contact the undersigned attorney at (314) 726-7500.

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